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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District for the year 1961.

The year under review has been uneventful. A small scale trial of oral poliomyelitis vaccine took place with satisfactory results.


The population now exceeds 12,500 and as will be seen the birth rate is still increasing.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health



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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Area, in acres	2,529	Number of occupied houses ..	4180
Rateable value on 1st April		Number of houses combined	
1961	£196,327	with shops	44
Sum represented by a Penny		Number of houses owned by	
Rate	£840	the Council	302
Population (mid 1961)	12,590		

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B I R T H S

D E A T H S

Live Births : Legitimate

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Male | 138 |
| Female | 154 |
| Total | 292 |

Illegitimate

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Male | 5 |
| Female | Nil |
| Total | 5 |

Total Live Births

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Male | 143 |
| Female | 154 |
| Total | 297 |

Stillbirths :

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Male | 2 |
| Female | 5 |
| Total | 7 |

Deaths - all causes

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Male | 49 |
| Female | 58 |
| Total | 107 |

Deaths from puerperal causes

Nil

Deaths of infants under 1 yr of age

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Male | 2 |
| Female | Nil |
| Total | 2 |

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age

.. .. Nil

Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population

23.1

Death rate per 1,000 estimated

8.4

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C A U S E S O F D E A T H S

| REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION | | | | | | | 1961 | | |
|------------------------------------|--|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|-------|
| | | | | | | | M | F | Total |
| 1. | Tuberculosis, respiratory | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| 2. | Tuberculosis, other | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | 1 | 1 |
| 3. | Syphilitic disease | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | - | 2 |
| 4. | Diphtheria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| 5. | Whooping Cough | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| 6. | Meningococcal infections | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| 7. | Acute poliomyelitis | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| 8. | Measles | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | 1 | 1 |
| 9. | Other infective and parasitic diseases | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| 10. | Malignant neoplasm, Stomach | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 11. | " " Bronchus and Lung | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 12. | " " Breast | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | 2 | 2 |
| 13. | " " Uterus | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| 14. | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| 15. | Leukaemia and aleukaemia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | 1 | 1 |
| 16. | Diabetes | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| 17. | Vascular lesions of the nervous system | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 14 | 17 |
| 18. | Coronary disease and angina | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 | 3 | 17 |
| 19. | Hypertension with heart disease | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 20. | Other heart diseases | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| 21. | Other circulatory diseases | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 22. | Influenza | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 23. | Pneumonia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | 3 | 3 |
| 24. | Bronchitis | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 25. | Other diseases of the respiratory system | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 26. | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 27. | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | 1 | 1 |
| 28. | Nephritis and nephrosis | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 29. | Hyperplasia of prostate | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | - | 1 |
| 30. | Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| 31. | Congenital malformations | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | - | 1 |
| 32. | Other defined and ill-defined diseases | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 33. | Motor vehicle accidents | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | - | 2 |
| 34. | All other accidents | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | 2 | 2 |
| 35. | Suicide | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | - | 1 |
| 36. | Homicide and operations of war | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | - | - | - |
| TOTAL (all causes) | | | | | | | 49 | 58 | 107 |

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION :

During 1961 the customary immunisation procedures against diphtheria and poliomyelitis were continued successfully. 298 children received primary immunisation against diphtheria and a further 147 received booster injections. BCG vaccination was offered to school leavers as usual and a good response was received.

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one death from non-pulmonary tuberculosis during 1961.

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one of non-pulmonary disease were notified.

At the close of the year thirty-two cases of pulmonary and ten cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were known to be living in the district.

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Notified cases of infectious disease other than those already commented upon were as follows :-

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|-----|
| Whooping Cough | .. | .. | 1 |
| Measles | .. | .. | 221 |
| Food Poisoning | .. | .. | 1 |
| Dysentery | .. | .. | 2 |
| Acute pneumonia | .. | .. | 2 |

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. J.G. Davies, Public Health Inspector, for the following information relating to the sanitary circumstances of this area:-

WATER SUPPLY :

Leicester Corporation mains water is piped throughout the district and a total of 4189 houses with an estimated population of 12,866 have an internal supply.

A further 19 houses have access to this supply and cater for 62 people.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL :

Sewage is dealt with at the Council's own works. The houses in the district are served by 5,000 water closets, leaving 10 premises supplied by pail closets. These pails are emptied by our own employees every fortnight.

28 cesspools are in use, 2 having been constructed during the year. Cesspools are emptied every two months.

PUBLIC CLEANSING :

House refuse is collected at weekly intervals by our own employees and is disposed of by controlled tipping.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA :

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Complaints received | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 |
| Premises concerned | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| Total number of Inspections made | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1849 |

Nature of Inspections

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Bakehouses | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Drainage works | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| Dwelling houses (all purposes) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 179 |
| Food poisoning enquiries | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Nil |
| Food premises | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21 |
| Infectious disease enquiries | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 106 |
| Rodent control | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 743 |
| Refuse collection and disposal | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 290 |
| Shops | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 |
| Slaughterhouse and meat inspection | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 186 |
| Smoke control | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 |
| Verminous premises | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Nil |
| Factories and workplaces | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 |
| Other inspections | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 255 |

Notices issued

| | <u>Preliminary</u> | <u>Housing</u> | <u>Public Health</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Outstanding on 1st January 1960 | | Nil | 2 |
| Issued during 1960 | | Nil | 3 |
| Complied with during 1960 | | Nil | 4 |
| Statutory action necessary | | Nil | Nil |
| Outstanding on 31st December 1960 | | Nil | 1 |

Regulated Buildings

There are no regulated buildings in the area.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

Two site licences were issued in respect of individual vans.

Verminous Premises

No infested premises came to notice during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

A full time rodent operator is employed. The refuse tip and sewers receive regular treatment, whilst a comprehensive service is offered to the public. 95 infestations were dealt with.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

One establishment is licensed. Two inspections were made.

Rag, Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No premises are involved in the operation of this Act.

Shop Acts, 1950

No action under Section 38 of this Act was taken during the year.

Swimming Bath

27 inspections were made and 23 samples of water were taken. 14 proved to be unsatisfactory. The technique of chlorination was changed during the year with subsequent satisfactory results.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Premises involved in the operation of the Acts | .. | .. | .. | | | | | 51 |
| Inspections made | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 |
| Defects found | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Nil |
| Number of Outworks | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 37 |

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Premises inspected | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 |
| Number of inspections made | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 |
| Informal notices served | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Informal notices complied with | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |

ICE CREAM

21 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. No sampling was carried out during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949

Only two distributors are registered. No inspection was made.

MILK SAMPLING

No milk sampling was carried out.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------------------|
| Licensed Slaughterhouses in the area | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3
(until 1st July) |
| Animals slaughtered therein | .. | .. | .. | .. | 848 |
| Animals examined at time of slaughter | .. | .. | .. | .. | 848 |
| Visits made for this purpose | .. | .. | .. | .. | 141 |
| Number of Meat Stores in the area | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
| Inspections made | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 |

Of the three existing slaughterhouses none was brought up to required standards by 1st July but one new slaughterhouse was built as a replacement.

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS AT THE TIME OF SLAUGHTER

| | Cattle
excluding
Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep
and
Lambs | Pigs |
|--|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| Number killed (if known) | 124 | - | 3 | 679 | 42 |
| Number inspected | 124 | - | 3 | 679 | 42 |
| <u>All Diseases except
Tuberculosis</u> | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some
part or organ was
condemned | 7 | - | - | 2 | 4 |
| Percentage of number
inspected affected
with diseases other
than tuberculosis | 5.6 | - | - | .28 | 9.05 |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u> | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which
some part or organ
was condemned | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Percentage of the number
inspected affected with
tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | 2.3 |

H O U S I N G

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

| | | |
|--|----|----|
| Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | .. | 37 |
| Number of inspections made for the purpose | .. | 56 |
| Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | .. | 27 |

CLEARANCE AREAS

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----|
| Number of unfit houses demolished | .. | Nil |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----|

REPAIRS

| | | |
|--|----|-----|
| Number of unfit houses made fit - | | |
| (i) after informal action | .. | 2 |
| (ii) after formal action under the Public Health Act | .. | Nil |

RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Three improvement grants under the Housing Act, 1949 were sought. All applications were allowed at 50% of the approved cost of works.

Three applications were received for standard grants under the House Purchasing and Housing Act, 1959.

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NEW HOUSES :-

| | |
|--|------|
| Number of applications for Council houses at the end
of the year | 45 |
| Local Authority houses completed during the year .. | 4 |
| Local Authority houses under construction at the end
of the year | Nil |
| Private enterprise houses completed during the year .. | 272 |
| Private enterprise houses under construction at the
end of the year | 112 |
| Total number of post war houses completed by | |
| (a) Local Authority | 255 |
| (b) Private enterprise | 2385 |

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